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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

In Figure 1, the insert or guide T has a proximal or first throat insertable end section 2, an intermediate section 4, and a distal or second throat insertable end section 6. The sections 2, 4, and 6 are integrally connected by fusion, gluing or other means such as extrusion, injection molding or casting. The angled proximal section 2 has a front portion 8 and a rear portion 10. The non-angled distal section 6 has a front portion 12 and a rear portion 14. The insert or guide T is of a plastic material including medical grade polyvinyl chloride (PVC), a medical grade silicone plastic, and a medical grade polyethylene though it may be of other plastic malleable and ductile materials. The intermediate section 4 is of a stiffer malleable and ductile material than the softer malleable and ductile material of the proximal and distal sections 2 and 6 and has a hardness between about 50 SHORE A to about 90 SHORE D. The proximal section 2 and the distal section 6 have a SHORE hardness approximately 20% to approximately 30% less than the selected hardness of the intermediate section 6. The proximal

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front portion 8 has an end tip 16 and the distal front portion 12 has an end tip 18. End tip 16 and end tip 18 are each blunt, as shown in Fig. 1, and in each of the other Figs. 2-8. The insert or guide T is provided with depth indicating means 20 which may be measuring indicia or color coding or other marking including indenting to permit the physician to determine the position of the end tip 16 of the proximal front portion or the end tip 18 of the distal front portion depending upon which is inserted into the patient.